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Title: ABSORBENT PRODUCT LINE AND DEVICE FOR IDENTIFYING ABSORBENT
PRODUCTS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTI. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005 ("the Office Action"), Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species 3, wherein one of the product designations identifies a bladder control product, on which Applicant believes claims 5, 16, 25, and 34 read. Applicant further elects, without traverse, Species A, wherein one of the size designations, absorbency designations, and absorbent product designations comprises a graphical code, on which Applicant believes claims 8-9, 18-19, 27-28, and 37-38 read. Applicant reserves the right to modify which claims read on the elected species should additional claims be determined later on to read on the elected species.

The Office Action identifies claim 1 as a generic claim. Applicant submits that claims 14, 22, and 30 also are generic claims with respect to the identified species. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, should the Examiner find one or more of the generic claims allowable, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include the limitations of the allowable generic claims.

- A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.